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Claims 91-93, 98, 106, and 110-123 are pending in the subject application and currently before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 91-93, 98, 106, and 110-123 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of "obviousness-type" double patenting over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,946,444, over claims 1-4 and Example 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,441, over claims 1-2 and Examples 4-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,566,332, and over claims 13-26 and Examples 4-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,989,367. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are not obvious over the cited patents. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer with this Response which obviates these rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

It should be understood that the amendments presented herein have been made solely to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicants' agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the invention(s) disclosed in the subject application, including any subject matter canceled or not pursued during prosecution of the subject application, in a related application.

In view of the foregoing remarks and Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, Applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer

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